

Today's Postbag

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Cabinet Calls on Teachers To Stay at Their Jobs

No Wage Changes Until Sept. 1960

The Cabinet yesterday decided to back the Ministry of Education stand that no changes be made in the wages and work conditions of the secondary school teachers before September 1960 when the present agreement with the Teachers' Association expires.

The Cabinet also called on all secondary school teachers to keep classes going as called for by the school schedule.

The breakaway Secondary School Teachers' Association has called its members out on a strike on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Minister of Justice supported the demands of the breakaway Secondary School Teachers' Association and abstained in the vote.

It is learned from Ministry of Education officials that the Ministry is willing to negotiate certain minor adjustments in wages and work conditions as may be called for in special cases, on condition that these adjustments may not take the form of direct wage rises.

Commenting on the Cabinet decision, the breakaway Secondary School Teachers' Association said in Tel Aviv that "the Government will have to take full responsibility for the effect of its strong arm tactics."

Secondary School Fees Jump By IL30 to IL40 This Year

Tuition fees in secondary schools have gone up by IL30 to IL40 since last year and rising costs have been blamed for the jump, it is learned.

Maximum fees in the first year of the secondary school have been fixed by the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Since the graduated tuition fee system now encompasses only the first three years, tuition fees in the senior year is decided by each school. The only stipulation is that the fees must not be higher than those of last year. Next year, the graduated tuition system will embrace all four years.

The maximum fees announced yesterday are: IL30 first year; IL40 second year; IL40 third year. In evening secondary schools they are: IL25 first year; IL30 second year and IL35 third year.

not entitled to any reduction unless they have other points to be put in the market in the near future, the Ministry of Finance spokesman revealed in Jerusalem on Sunday.

A IL30 issue will be floated by the Israel Industrial Institute and a IL40 issue by the Bank Leumi Investment Corporation. The bonds will bear six per cent interest and half their value will be linked to the C-2 Index, and half to the dollar. This division was agreed to at the request of the banks which will distribute the issue. It was felt that the safest both for the economy and for the individual investor.

The Ministry of Finance is preparing an application to the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a maximum 25 per cent income tax levy on all interest accruing from these bonds. Similar terms are generally given to all approved bond issues.

2 New Bond Issues Coming on Market

The Haifa Municipality received a relatively clean bill of health in the report of the State Controller on its activities between 1951/52 and 1957/58. The report which was released on Sunday supplements an interim report which dealt with the years 1951/52.

The report's section dealing with the construction of the subway is mostly factual. It is pointed out, however, that because the original financing plan for the subway had not materialized and because of additional unforeseen expenses, the Municipality had been forced to divert money earmarked for a sewage purification plant, to the subway.

Especially noted for praise are genuine improvements in the Municipality's accounts and the fact that the number of Municipality employees rose by only eight in the last three years covered by the report.

Most of the criticism included in the report is concerned with activities of the Municipality which were not based on appropriate legislation or did not conform to full with accepted procedure.

Special Contributions

An example of such criticism is given in the section dealing with the Municipality's collection of special contributions from contractors who apply to the Town Planning Commission for permission to build, not in accordance with zoning regulations.

The Controller repeats his previous criticisms that such actions are illegal and that although a logical basis might be attributed to them, they should be legalized by the passage of an appropriate law by the District Town Planning Commission.

The Municipality had applied to the Commission for approval of such a law, but the Commission rejected the specific proposal. Nevertheless, the Controller found

Controller Praises, Criticizes Management of Haifa

that the Municipality had turned the practice into the accepted form of procedure. The main point of criticism in the report is the irregular procedure of the Municipality's Tenders Committee in opening tenders and then negotiating with contractors who had not submitted the lowest bids to reduce their bids. These negotiations often led to a tender being awarded to a firm that had not entered the lowest bid and even after the negotiated reduction still charged a higher price for the work executed.

The report gives three instances of such procedure: the construction of the sewage treatment plant, the stadium, the underground passageway in Hadar Hacarmel and a section of sewerage.

The names of the bidders who were awarded the tenders in these instances are not given.

Higher Bids

The result of such a practice is that either contractors submit especially high bids in the knowledge that the Tenders Committee will later negotiate with them, or that other contractors decline to participate in tenders at all for fear that their bids would not be considered even if they were the lowest to be submitted originally.

On the other hand the report repeatedly mentions faults which the Municipality had corrected after they had been criticized in the Controller's interim report which was submitted to the Municipality in 1958.

Other points were:

- Municipal Education Bonds were distributed in such a manner that persons who were to receive bonds maturing in 1959 actually received bonds maturing in 1958.
- A decision by the Management to reduce the hospitalization rates of Kupat Holim was Friday, July 25, when the Municipal Hospital was put into effect without Council approval.

Import of U.S. Butter Stopped

Israel will not renew its request for an allocation of surplus butter from the U.S. after present stocks are used up, it was learned in Jerusalem on Sunday. It is felt that local production of butter is sufficient to meet the demand and small amounts had even been exported until recently.

In this connection it is learned that the U.S. government has protested against the export of Israeli butter. The U.S. position is that it would be anomalous for Israel to receive surplus U.S. butter while at the same time its butter exports compete with American butter in other countries.

Further Exports

It is understood that the export of Israeli butter will be resumed after the local stocks of American butter are used up.

Israeli dairymen have been opposing the continued import of U.S. surplus butter as it seriously cut into the demand for the local product. The situation was aggravated even more with the large local milk surpluses this year.

The U.S. butter, however, sells for IL1,600 per kg. (220 pruta for a 200 gram packet) while local butter costs IL1,200 per kg. (220 pruta for a 200 gram packet).

Cables in Brief

RUNWAY. — Europe's longest runway — 3,900 metres — was opened on Saturday at Frankfurt's busy Rhein-Main Airport when a Pan-American Boeing-707 jet airliner took off for London on a flight to New York.

QUALITY. — "Neues Deutschland," the East German Communist Party newspaper, criticized state-owned manufacturers of consumer goods for showing best quality products at the Leipzig Fair but failing to supply these to the East German shops.

TWINS. — The towns of Dijon, France and Stalingrad were twinned by the signing of a "friendship charter" by Canon Felix Kir, 83-year-old Mayor and Deputy in the National Assembly, and by Mr. Alexander Vassilievitch Dykin, President of the Executive Committee of the Town Council of Stalingrad.

DRIVER. — Adolfo Covi, an Italian rider, died yesterday shortly after being injured in a crash during the Italian motorcycle Grand Prix at Monza.

AMNESTY. — President Sukarno has granted a general amnesty to Darul Islam rebels in Aceh, North Sumatra, who have returned to "the lap of the Indonesian state," the Antara News Agency said.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Becker, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Askin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zager and son, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bernstein, of Philadelphia; under U.S.A. auspices. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldstein, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Grossman, of Newark, N.J.; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaiman, of New York all U.S.A. leaders.

Mr. Avshalom Caspi, Israeli Consul in Bombay, after completion of his tour of duty, (by Air France).

Dr. Steven Eytan, from a visit to Greece, Italy, Switzerland and France on behalf of the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Armand Tharard, chief spokesman for the Christian League, from Paris, to begin preliminary work on the film, (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Professor E.E. Pratt, U.S.O.M. adviser to the Israel Government on international trade, and Hebrew University lecturer on commerce and marketing, after spending 15 months here.

Professor Joseph H. Jaffe, head of the section of Infra-red Spectroscopy of the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, to participate in the European Conference of Molecular Spectroscopy in Bologna, Italy, from September 7 to 12.

Quarry Man Held After Row in Council Office

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—A well-known Haifa quarry operator, Zvi Gladel, was charged by the police on Sunday with causing a disturbance in the office of the Nether Local Council, after its chairman had allegedly refused to see him.

Gladel said he had concluded an agreement with the Societe Dunkeois d'Enterprises to supply them with 10,000 cu.m. of aggregate for their two large Haifa construction projects, the harbour quay extension and the sewage purification plant.

After months of correspondence and negotiations with various authorities for a licence to operate his quarry east of the city, at kilometre 5 on the Haifa road, he claimed, had put a further obstacle in his way by demanding a IL5,000 bank guarantee or a third party pledge binding him to stop operations after the volume of stone stipulated in the Government licence had been quarried.

The Local Council Secretary said that this was "the only way to ensure that he stopped quarrying when he has exhausted the licensed quantity."

Gladel charged that this demand was unjustified and intended to hinder him. He had invested a quarter of a million pounds in the quarry 10 years ago, but six years ago his licence was withdrawn and he had lost his money.

He alleged that the Solei Boneh-affiliated Even Vassid quarrying company, which enjoys a virtual nation-wide monopoly, was behind the difficulties put in his way. The large Even Vassid quarry, only 500 metres away from his own, was flourishing, he said, with customers trucks queuing up for aggregate, while his own quarry lay idle.

Under the law, the Government Mining Authority, which controls all quarrying operations, can halt them only by obtaining a Court order.

H.U. Students Submit New Fee Proposals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Representatives of the Hebrew University student body yesterday submitted new proposals for tuition fees at a meeting with Ministry of Education officials.

Dr. M. Avidor, Director-General of the Ministry, and Dr. E. Katzenelenbogen, Assistant Director-General, promised to study the proposals, a spokesman of the students said later.

Today the students are due to present their proposals to University officials.

Last week the students rejected the agreement previously reached by their representatives and the University authorities.

U.S. Bankers Arrive For Short Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT.—A delegation of 10 bankers from various cities in the U.S. arrived on Sunday for a 12-day visit under the auspices of the Jewish Agency.

The bankers have been in close contact with the American representative of the Jewish Agency and the United Jewish Appeal for some time, and they previously granted a loan to the Agency, on account of anticipated revenue from the Appeal.

On their way here, the delegation visited Vienna, where they met Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency. (JWA)

14 Storey Buildings Planned in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Buildings fourteen storeys high will soon change the Tel Aviv skyline, now that the Town Planning Authority has authorized a number of such structures. This was disclosed here on Sunday by the Chairman of the Authority, Rabbi A. Boyar, who presided at a Z.O.A. House luncheon given on the occasion of the Authority's 25th meeting.

One of the Authority's principal achievements since its present members were appointed four years ago has been to speed up administrative approval of new construction projects, Rabbi Boyar claimed. A total of 1,713 new houses with 35 thousand rooms and a constant floor space of 1.5m. square metres had been given the go-ahead signal, he said.

The District Planning Authority is the principal factor delaying new projects, according to Rabbi Boyar. It lacks any binding regulations, and often issues contradictory rulings, he claimed. Tel Aviv has the authority to supervise its own expansion programmes, he concluded.

Judge Sees Only Black and White

SAVANNAH, Georgia (UPI).—An Air Force Sergeant, whose military records show him not to be a Negro, was fined \$100 here on Friday for drinking at a bar with a white woman on the grounds that one paternal grandfather is black.

The Air Force record, however, had been corrected to show that the man was white.

When his attorney submitted the opinion of Georgia Attorney-General Eugene Cook that there is no law which makes it an offence for a white person merely to be in the company of a Negro in a public place, Judge Lawrence Dwyer of the Recorder's Court announced, "I'm overruling you," and the Attorney General.

Judge Dwyer explained, "The appearance of White and Coloured persons together tends to incite a riot."

Salib Defence Tries To Blame Hapoel for Riot

HAIFA.—One of the four men on trial for obstructing the police during the second riot in Wadi Salib, Yosef Shemtov, told the Magistrate's Court yesterday that on the evening of the second riot, a group of Hapoel members appeared outside the Hadar Cinema and one of them hinted that "something is going to happen here."

Shemtov, one of the four leaders of Likud, the North African Immigrants Association, who are on trial.

The evening in question was Friday, July 25, when Hapoel had scheduled a rally at the cinema, which is on the outskirts of Wadi Salib. Shemtov testified that he himself had been a member of one of these special Hapoel groups, until 18 months ago. One of the men he knew had given him the hint about some impending action, and he had dragged Ben-Harush away because he realized that a trap had been planned.

Prompted by the defence counsel, Shemtov told the Court how he and another Hapoel usher for special duty, had been detailed last year to await a demonstration of Kiryat Nahum residents (after a hut there had gone up in flames) then, to shout "Communists" and to push them about. When the police arrived to break up the scuffle, the Hapoel men withdrew, he said.

Ben Harush, cross-examined by the police, said that he had fired his revolver out of fear of the police, reinforced when he learnt that the Hapoel men were also on the scene.

The two witnesses replied to many questions put to them by the police prosecutor by saying "I can't remember."

The trial will continue on Monday.

Actress Kay Kendall Dies of Leukemia

LONDON (UPI).—Kay Kendall, the British actress, died of leukemia here on Sunday, after being plagued by illness for the past year.

The 32-year-old actress in 1957 married Rex Harrison, who scored the biggest success of his career as Professor Higgins in "My Fair Lady." She was in hospital for several days in June when work had to be held up on the film she was working with Yul Brynner, "Once More with Feeling."

Kay Kendall came into her own, first with one of the funniest comic scenes in British movies — the deadpan, trumpet-playing girl who could not say "no" in the film "Genevieve."

Huge Fire Damages Fontainebleau Wood

FONTAINEBLEAU (Reuter).—Over 700 acres of the most picturesque part of the vast Fontainebleau woods south of Paris were destroyed by fire on Sunday.

Loud-speaker cars of the gendarmes patrolled the woods to warn the numerous Sunday excursionists of the danger. No casualties were reported. Thousands of firemen, gendarmes and soldiers fought the fire which was brought under control at nightfall.

Father Violates Girl 'To Anger Wife'

TEL AVIV.—"I did it to anger my wife," a 49-year-old man told the Magistrate's Court here on Sunday on the charge of committing an indecent act on his 11-year-old daughter.

He was sentenced to four months in jail.

The prosecution representative told the Court that the man was grounds for believing the accused had committed this act more than once. His action was revealed when the girl told her mother about it. (JWA)

Cabinet Appoints Nat'l Water Group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday appointed the National Water Council, in accordance with the Law of Water, 1958. The Law provides for the appointment of such a council to advise the Minister of Agriculture on all matters relating to water supply and consumption of water.

The Council, which will have a maximum of 36 members, will be composed of one-third of government and Jewish Agency representatives, at least one-half of representatives of water consumers, and the remainder of representatives of water suppliers.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. K. Lutz, is to be Chairman of the Council, and the Water Commissioner, Mr. Zvi Neumann, Deputy Chairman.

The other Government representatives of the Council are one each from the Ministries of Finance, Health, Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Labour, Interior and Development. The Israel Bank for Agriculture, Tahal, and the World Zionist Organization.

The water suppliers are to be represented by one each of the well-known organizations affiliated with the Farmers' Association, the local authorities and the regional water companies.

The water consumers are to be represented by the quantity of water they consume, as follows: Eight members from the Histadrut Agricultural Centre and one each from the Manufacturers' Association, the Hapoel Hamizrabi Agricultural Centre, the Hevrat Haovdim (Histadrut holding company), the co-operatives of the Council of the Farmers' Organization and unorganized farmers.

Cotton Picking Starts in Sharon Plain

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SABA.—Cotton picking time came to villages in the Sharon Plain and in the Negev today, as Sunday.

The first bales of the white fluff arrived at the Herzliya ginn from Aynot, near Kfar Saba.

Between 200 and 250 workers were in the fields yesterday and it is expected that the numbers may reach as much as 2,000 by the end of the month.

Local employment boards announced that all relief workers are now picking cotton. Facilities have been made available in the field to increase efficiency. These include shelters for cotton workers, water and rest areas. The Employment Service, responsible for picking, has announced that it will pay wages promptly each week.

The Service has been set up by the Ministries of Agriculture and Labour, the Cotton Growers Association and the Histadrut.

Permanent Israel Pavilion at Salonika

LYDDA AIRPORT.—A permanent pavilion for Israel in the exhibition area of Salonika, Greece, Mr. David Akadi, the engineer, said on his return on Saturday night.

Israel Days are to be held at the Izmir Fair today and at the Salonika Fair on September 17.

Bari Fair Opens

BARI, South Italy (Reuter).—Prof. Antonio Segni, the Italian Prime Minister, Sunday inaugurated the 23rd Bari Trade Fair of the Levant.

A total of 6,700 manufacturers, including 2,360 from abroad, exhibited their goods. Twenty-three countries had pavilions of their own, including Israel, Albania, Greece, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Republic, and Yugoslavia.

Bail Refused To Murder Suspect

TEL AVIV.—District Court Judge S. Lowenberg on Sunday rejected the application of Abraham Hasson, who is being held in connection with the murder of a diamond dealer, Zerah Flock, to be released on bail.

Hasson's lawyer, Mr. Z. Lidesky, argued that the fact that his client offered to be injected with "truth serum," after having twice been tested by a lie detector at his own request, was evidence of a clean conscience.

Police Inspector M. Karat said that there were reasonable grounds for detaining the suspect. The 15 day detention period expired on Monday, the police would request an extension, since the investigation might continue for some time, he said. (JWA)

Girl Falls From Second Storey Into Bushes

TEL AVIV.—A girl of 17, Penina Aruk, fell from the window of her parents' flat on the second storey of a building in the Hatikva Quarter on Friday night but was only injured lightly in the legs and head when she fell into bushes under the window.

The girl was taken to Hadassah Hospital, where her condition is reported as not serious.

She told police that her "head began to swim" and "I don't remember how I lost my balance and fell."

Women Predominate In Int'l Harp Contest

TEL AVIV.—Thirty-two of the 36 participants in the first International Harp Contest, opening next week in Jerusalem, are women, while half of the judges are also women. Mr. A.Z. Propes, Director of Special Projects in the Government Tourist Corporation, told a press conference here yesterday.

He added that 48 harpists, in addition to the judges, are due here but the number of actual participants had been restricted to 36 for technical reasons. There was a total of 50 applicants.

Bus Accident

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16, of Lydda, Khayim Ya'acob, 20, of Mahane Yisrael, Yosef Samah, 33, of Mahane Yisrael, and eight-year-old Pazon Kirhlaya, of Lydda.

Most of the passengers on the bus were workers. They left Lydda at 8.45 a.m. on their way to Tel Aviv.

Inertia carried the bus several metres before it capsized into the ditch. It landed on its right side, thus closing the regular exits.

A policeman from Petah Tikva, who was travelling in the bus in the opposite direction, was the first person to reach the scene of the accident. He opened the emergency door on the left side and started to help the passengers to get out. A police tender from Petah Tikva and a military vehicle were used to take the wounded to hospital.

The 22 slightly injured were sent home after receiving first aid.

An Egged spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that a preliminary investigation had shown that the vehicle's steering mechanism had been checked within the past month, and that a general inspection was carried out "not more than three months ago." The driver is an employee, not a member of the Egged cooperative.

In view of the fact that the bus was carrying a normal load of 37 seated passengers and apparently was not driven at excessive speed, the accident may have been caused by a flaw in the metal of the transmission system.

Jordan Said Hiding Remains of Temple

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Archaeological remains attributed to the period of the Kings of Judea were found recently under the floor of the Dome of the Rock in the Old City of Jerusalem, it is understood from well-informed sources. The mosque is built on the site of King Solomon's Temple.

The findings were discovered in the course of repairs now being carried out inside the mosque. They are presumed to be remains of King Solomon's Temple or its courtyard.

Scaffolding used for the repairs can be clearly seen from high points in the Israel part of Jerusalem. The repairs are being carried out now so that the mosque can be ready for the Moslem holy month of Ramadan next month.

The sources said that several workers while digging and clearing debris in the mosque came upon inscriptions and remains and summoned the Jordanian authorities to order the repairs to be stopped.

The sources said that rumours of the discovery reached church and consular circles in the Old City. Attempts are being made now to persuade the Jordanian authorities to allow a scientific examination of the findings.

Rumours that the Jordanian authorities gave order to patch up the dig in order to hide away the finds could not be confirmed. Some reports said that the Jordanians are trying to hide the findings, trying to avoid political complications which might arise if the discovery is widely publicized.

Local Antibiotic Being Tested

Hebrew University scientists have developed a new antibiotic, heptamycin, for use against yeasts and fungi, and its potential effectiveness is now being tested.

One of the aims of the present investigation, the University said yesterday, is to find out whether heptamycin can easily be prepared in reasonable quantities. Another is to establish its relative toxicity against micro-organisms such as yeasts and fungi on the one hand, and against the host of the micro-organisms on the other. When these investigations are completed, clinical tests will be carried out on human patients.

The antibiotic has been found to be effective against yeasts, fungi and pathogenic protozoa not only in test tubes but also in living animals.

The investigation was launched four years ago when Professor M. Aschner, then Associate Professor of Bacteriology at the Hebrew University, accidentally discovered a streptomycin — a bacillus-like organism with strong antibiotic properties. He left the actual investigation of these properties to one of his assistants, Dr. Y. Henin, and when Professor Aschner moved to the Technion in Haifa the general supervision of the project passed into the hands of Professor N. Grossowicz, also of the Department of Bacteriology.

The investigations have been greatly aided by a grant from the Tel Aviv Jubilee Exhibition, which is interested in the commercial production of heptamycin and has undertaken to carry out the clinical tests.

The search for antibiotics against yeasts and fungi has recently become even more

Dinner Given In Honour of Tsur

The Israel-France Friendship League held a dinner at the Kings' Hotel in Jerusalem on Sunday evening in honour of the former Ambassador to France and Mrs. Ya'acov Tsur. The dinner was presided over by Mr. Moshe Sharott, M.K. a member of the League's Honorary Committee.

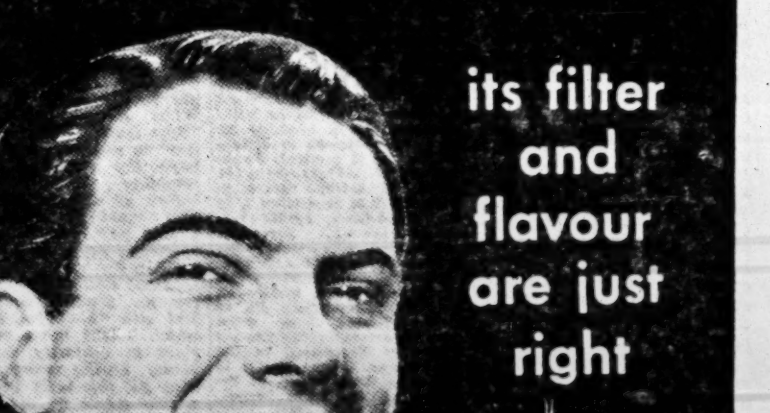
On September 10

Mifal Hapayis draw Series 19/1959 at the Amphitheatre of the Tel Aviv Jubilee Exhibition, at 7.30 p.m., followed by a YIDDISH COMEDY by Digan & Szumacher.

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A hundred members of the Knesset have already been elected, ran an effective pre-election advertisement published by Mapai in newspapers recently. This surprising statement, which was perhaps not quite clear to all, should be read in two parts. The party lists have been made up by small committees in party back rooms, and the vote can only endorse them or leave them alone. The majority of voters support a particular party without regard for the details of the list of candidates submitted.

ASKING

THE VOTER

These all the talk of "safe places" on party lists that has caused so much dissension and heart-searching in the party headquarters in the past few days. By a stroke of the pen in the hands of the General Zisliker, Mr. Nissim, the 23-year-old son of the Chief Rabbi, who has not even yet completed his military service, as he should have done by the age of 21, has been made a Knesset member two months before the elections. The election has not been asked and, to judge by yesterday's reactions, a good number of the leading General Zionists had not been asked either, and do not approve of the award of the seat. Something parallel applies to the Communist list, the top places on which have remained unchanged. The Communists have lost many of their old voters, and found some new ones. These new voters would undoubtedly prefer radical changes in the list of candidates. But who is going to ask them?

Mapai claims, on the other hand, that half of the prospective candidates have in fact been "elected," and so they have, on the principle of the primary elections in the United States. As a result the Mapai list will show many changes. There will be new faces, some previously most prominent, some unknown and almost untried. But just half of them have been elected by branch polls and are certain of being acceptable as individuals to the electorate. Even so the changes scarcely begin to reflect the changes in the population that have taken place within the past eight, or even four, years. The percentage of old-timers in the list is far greater than their proportion in the population, or among the Mapai voters. That is reasonable, for we need continuity. Israel was not built in a day or a decade, and the much smaller numbers of the past will always remain entitled to their say. Yet a step has been taken toward recognizing the changes that are taking place, and attempting to harness relative newcomers to the electorate, instead of forcing them to remain passengers only.

The Mapai experiment was intended as a first move towards the direct elections which that party is pressing as its main platform for the coming Knesset. It is not without interest that this idea has enjoyed only lukewarm support from veteran party members. The reluctance for drastic changes, despite its official adoption, and impassioned advocacy by the Prime Minister himself. There is no doubt that Mapai will never be quite the same again. Herut, despite its strong bid for the votes of the oriental communities, has made relatively few changes in its lists.

Yet if we are to take an honest look into our own future, we must know that any party that fears change and can find no way of adapting itself to the realities it helped to build, will be recognized by the electorate as having outlived its usefulness, and will wither away.

FOREIGN BANKS IN SYRIA 'ARABIZED'
DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Abdul Nasser has signed two laws turning all foreign banks into corporations with U.A.R. nationality, and "Arabizing" foreign insurance companies in the Syrian Region. It was announced here on Sunday.

LAOTIAN DIARY

Communists Use Threat Tactics

VIENTIANE (OFNS). —

MAJOR Philippines exiles have for years been jazz musicians, and you can find them in night clubs from Tokyo to Calcutta. But for the past six years the Philippines has also been sending doctors, nurses and technicians to the mainland, first to South Vietnam, then to North Vietnam, and now to Communist-occupied Laos.

They are members of a volunteer organization called Operation Brotherhood. Today this remarkable group of 84 young men and women, led by 28-year-old Melgr Granada, has 10 widely scattered medical teams in Laos. I have just spent some time with one of them which operates from a boat, visiting the villages that line the mud-colored rivers of this watery kingdom.

Our river was the Ngum in Vientiane Province, a tributary of the great Mekong, both now swollen dangerously by monsoon rains. The boat was not fitted with bunks, but it carried a doctor and two nurses, three Laotian strolling singers, a film projector and a crew of two. In two weeks since the boat left the capital city of Vientiane the medical team has treated 4,600 people.

River Villages
Chugging upstream against a strong current we headed for the next village on the team's list. A dozen shatched houses on stilts sat in a clearing in the sagging rain forest. There the troubadours went to work with public address system, chanting information about our strange craft and its purpose. In Laos and upper Thailand both news and entertainment are often provided by these sing-song troubadours.

But the crowd which gathered on the bank was only of children, most of them naked. There was a movement of adults between houses and a separate adult movement — into the rain forest. It took a long time to discover the headman and explain to him that the boat would return next day to provide free medical treatment, show films and provide troubadour entertainment. It is true that most of the villagers gathered on

NATURE NOTES

Anxious Mother

THE children sat on the lawn, fascinatedly watching a spider which was trying a cocoon strapped to her back. Seeing us in a circle round her, for I had added myself to the audience, if the family of spiders began excitedly to run around among the grass blades, and in her frenzy, poor thing, lost her cocoon. Now I must deprecate and say that this family of spiders, Lycosa (the wolf spiders who do not spin webs), take a great deal of trouble with their eggs, spinning first a large egg sack in which they lay them, then a covering, and at long last sewing the two together, so that the spider now has a neat globe which she proceeds to strap to her body.

KEEPING POSTED

An eagle-eyed correspondent writes: "In some countries in South America, where personal publicity is a thing, ladies in high society are liable to get into a bit of a tangle about concealing their age. On the occasion, say, of a banquet, a lady is visiting personally, a daughter of 60 or over will cheerfully hand the press a 'stella portrait' of herself as a young girl. There is no intent to deceive and no one is deceived. We are reminded of this practice by the picture of Krishna Menon in THE POST of September 2. In this round-faced, candid-eyed, smooth-skinned, innocent countenance, who would recognize the scarred battle-scarred, wrinkled and vitriolic lip — of the veteran of so much of the warfare in the London School of Economics, in the St. Pancras Labour Party, in the dusty little Strand of the India League, through all the weary years

until the U.N. Assembly had the benefit of his acid orator. Real life is less than his liking, it would seem. Rather than tangle with the Chinese on his country's borders — not that the Indian Minister of Defence prefers to fight his own service chiefs. Her memories of Krishna Menon's early days are no doubt accurate, but we regret to say that our picture of the moon-faced young man was not even the youthful Krishna, but some quite different Menon altogether, who had slipped into the wrong file.

IT was asked to point out the strange spelling on the menu of the new Gondola restaurant on its opening day, without also saying that

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French Courage

THE French still occupy a special position in Laos and, while the Government of de Gaulle has not perhaps been fulfilling obligations that the privilege involves, a small band of French commandos are doing far more than the pay requires. In normal times they work for two local airlines flying Dakotas and a variety of small aircraft across a large part of the mountainous roads do not exist at all in the five-month monsoon season, and the rivers render too much to be of real service. Now the Government has taken the airlines over to a great extent, and planes and pilots are spending much more time aloft — about four times as much, in fact.

French pilots I have flown with have been grey-haired philosophical men, taking off and landing as often as not smoking a cigarette. The No Smoking sign is not even switched on for passengers, and as for fastening seat belts, there aren't any, because all the seats have been removed. Passengers arrange themselves between or on the seats, and the pilots are dark monsoon clouds move low across northern Laos almost every day in this season and most of them contain mountains. Yet these

French pilots carry on, nonchalant and skilful. After one bucketing, skidding approach to a mud patch airfield at Samneua, that involves three sharp turns along deep intersecting valleys, I congratulated my pilot. "C'est drôle," was all he said, shrugging and lighting another cigarette.

Women Paratroops

UNLIKE most Asians, the Chinese in particular, various ethnic groups that make up Laos take naturally to air travel. In jumping skill and daring, Laotian paratroops must be among the best in the world. They show complete lack of nervousness. And each Lao paratroop battalion has a number of nurses who jump with the men.

AT THE CINEMA

Russian Epic

Quiet Flows the Don (Zion, Jerusalem) is a flow of history, rendered in such fine detail that at times one seems to be looking into a bone-chilling time machine. Like Sholokhov's famous novel, it is episodic and not very conclusive, but then this is only the first part (the second to follow in a few weeks) and despite its length it seems to have been heavily cut. A knowledge of the book and/or Russia's early revolutionary history is a necessity if one would fully appreciate what happened to the Don Cossacks, the soldier-farmers who had a critical role to

play at the critical points of Soviet evolution. The casting is superb and the actors deliver what almost stylized realism that is so unifying in Soviet painting and so wonderfully suited to the historical film. The loves, hatreds and frustrations of the Cossacks are marvellously rendered and the settings magnificently detailed: their village and home life gives one the feeling of having made a visit to the banks of the Don. The real hero of this great tapestry is the camera, which is handled with tremendous freedom and accuracy. The colour is superb, keyed to each mood, from the sepia monotone of the early scenes to the richness of the wedding and then to blue-green horror-filled battlefields. If you want to see a slice of Russia this is your chance; the propaganda element hardly enters into it. Only the local English subtitles are woefully inadequate.

Tales of Pressburger
Tales of Hoffmann (Studio, Jerusalem) is a revival of one of the early Powell-Pressburger extravaganzas. "Hoffmann" was never a really interesting opera, but the fantasy introduced into the ballet scenes by Robert Helpmann makes it worth seeing. Not to mention the dancing of Moira Shearer. However, the camera tricks are overdone; the film does not capture the ballet atmosphere of "The Red Shoes" of the same period. At its worst, Hoffmann descends to its original level; entertaining kitsch.

It cost three pence. When he asked for three pence, the boy said that would be ten pence. He tried to persuade him that that did not make much sense. The boy was a Jew, and since

WE opened the London Observer recently with an argument about the still buzzing in our ears. "Well, he keeps saying he is going to be prime minister after the elections," somebody had protested. "When he isn't, nobody is ever going to believe a word he says again." We said, let Begin worry. Meanwhile the headline on the Observer had been penetrated our consciousness. "Talks with Premier Begin." They must be. What business had they to call him premier even jokingly? A British paper? With only Herut trying to keep the feud with the British alive in people's minds here? When we calmed down a bit and started reading the article itself it was concerned, not with Israel, but with the beginning of the talks between Premier Macmillan and Mr. Eisenhower at Chequers.

WE hear from an enter of sabras — the fruit of the cactus, not the human ones — that he has been having some difficulty over the accounts. The management of the sabra-stand in his neighbourhood is in the hands of a boy of about 12, with two smaller boys to assist him. When he only wanted one,

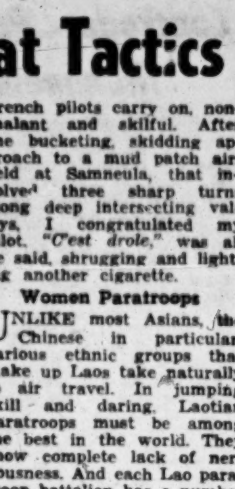
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YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

Teachers, Officials Asked Not to Strike

WHILE the senior civil servants may be right in their claims, writes Ha'aretz (non-party), this cannot be a reason for striking at this juncture, especially since any decision taken by the present government cannot be binding on the next. The only way out of the impasse is for the Civil Service Commission to work out a scheme of uniform grading and pay for the next. The only way out of the impasse is for the Civil Service Commission to work out a scheme of uniform grading and pay for the next. The only way out of the impasse is for the Civil Service Commission to work out a scheme of uniform grading and pay for the next.

Right or Wrong Trees

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—With reference to your report "Wrong Trees Used in Our Forests" which appeared in your Friday, August 28, issue, we ask you to publish the following:

1) Dr. G. Orshan in no way implied that Israel foresters are planting the wrong species. In fact, the speaker did not mention at all the problem of the trees to be used in afforestation.

2) Dr. Orshan did not state that the Jerusalem pine (in English commonly referred to as Aleppo pine) is not indigenous to this country. He merely discussed its place in the natural vegetation of Israel. He suggested that natural pine stands, as found on Mt. Carmel, Galilee and the Judean Mountains, may owe their origin to the destruction of the original oak scrub forest.

3) This statement, if correct, does not imply that the Jerusalem pine does not reseed itself here. On the contrary, everybody familiar with our woodlands can observe ample evidence of natural pine regeneration on Mt. Carmel. In addition, preliminary experiments in re-planting pine forests by natural reseeding have succeeded and are showing promise with regard to the natural reseeding of our planted pine stands.

4) Jerusalem pine being a component of the natural vegetation of Israel, there is no doubt as to the perpetuity of our planted pine forests, provided the plantations are properly protected and cared for. Although Jerusalem pine occurs only in certain parts of the country, this by no means diminishes its value as a forest tree. Although natural oak stands are much more widely distributed, native oaks are of only minor economic value and are therefore not suitable for afforestation, which must be considered as an economic venture.

5) No reference whatsoever was made at our Mikve Yisrael meeting to the planting programmes of the J.N.F. The reported planting of carobs could be misleading to the public to think that carob is another of the "wrong trees used in our forests."

6) The reported version of Dr. Orshan's lecture to your reporter's "implications" are entirely false, and we strongly protest against a professional meeting being reported in such a way as to mislead the public and to besmirch and belittle the activities of all those engaged in forestry in this country.

Yours, etc.

R. KARSCHON

For. Eng. Dr. tech. sc.

M. KOLAR, For. Eng.

The Standing Committee, Society of Israel Foresters

Natanya, August 30.

Our reporter did not say that Dr. Orshan stated that Israel foresters are using the wrong type of tree for forests, but that it was implied in his lecture. Dr. Orshan's statement concerning the "wrong" natural pine stands did not, according to our reporter's notes, mention the destruction of the original oak-scrub forest but pointed them out as something "in-

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DEFENCE MEDAL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—More than a year has passed since the Ministry of Defence asked former members of the Jewish Regiments and Units (Palestinians) of the British Army to register with the Ministry by completing forms that would entitle them to a proposed Israel Defence Medal.

What has happened to those forms and the promised medals? No enlightenment in this respect has been forthcoming from the proper authorities.

Yours, etc.

A. GLASS

Tel Aviv, August 9.

Ministry Replies

Distribution of this medal, called the "Ot Hahitadut," is awaiting Government confirmation.

The Ministry of Defence has compiled the list of requests from those who will be eligible to wear the medal.

Notice of the confirmation will be published in a special supplement to the list of the medals will then begin.

Public Information Officer, Ministry of Defence

Readers' Letters

married Israel-born student over the age of 21 who is self-supporting and whose family lives in another town, which is the position of the great majority of students who need help or a reduction in fees. A self-supporting student normally works half-days only and his earnings generally do not enable him to pay the tuition fee, plus the recent rise.

The item — "a student whose father's income does not exceed IL300" — is based on the misconception that a self-respecting young man or girl of over 21 (as all Israeli students are apt to be after having completed their military service) would ask his father for at least IL200 a month (the sum needed to pay for a room, food, tuition fees and other expenses) even if his father could earn IL400 a month (his father may, furthermore, have to support other, younger children, or his own parents etc.).

What about those students? Does the University take into consideration exceptional social cases only or does it concern itself solely with students from abroad? Does the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have no regard for a sabra student whose parents live on a salary of IL400, but who nevertheless tries to acquire knowledge without imposing on his parents, who have, in most cases, reached a measure of relative comfort after many years of struggle and hardship?

Yours, etc.

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